

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Roads along Border Areas

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain strategic roads and railway lines adjoining the borders are being constructed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether the completion of these projects have been delayed several times;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the other steps taken for strengthening the existing border roads and developing new roads in border areas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The State-wise details of road entrusted to Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for construction/improvement in the border areas are as per Appendix-A enclosed.

In addition, 04 strategic railway lines for construction and final location survey by Ministry of Railways, has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security as under:-

- (i) Misamari (Bhalukpong)-Tenga-Tawang
- (ii) Phasighat-Parsuramkund-Rupai
- (iii) Bilaspur-Mandi-Manali-Leh to be connected to Pathankot
- (iv) North Lakhimpur-Bame (Along)-Silapathar

Further, no road project is entrusted to BRO in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) & (d): There are certain delays in execution of road projects mainly due to the following reasons:-

- (i) Delay in Forest/wildlife clearance
- (ii) Hard rock stretches
- (iii) Limited working season
- (iv) Difficulties in availability of construction materials
- (v) Delay in land acquisition

(e) The Government has taken following measures to expedite the construction works:-

- (i) States of Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have constituted the Empowered Committee to resolve the issues pertaining to BRO.
- (ii) Outsourcing has been allowed to augment capacity of BRO.
- (iii) Long Term Roll On Works Plan (LTROWP) and Long Term Equipment Plan (LTEP) have been approved.
- (iv) Enhanced financial and administrative powers have been given to the executives of BRO.
